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The "I-told-you-so" man cannot expect us to believe him. Had he believed himself he could have made barrels of money.

Those counties in Florida that are in various ways advertising and bringing to the attention of the non-resident public their many advantages and resources are filling up with capital and industrious, enterprising citizens.

It was said long ago "The critics are authors who have failed." And in the States that could not keep out yellow fever, there is a loud denial that any State can. Take a look at Florida, gentlemen, when you recover from your big panic and your slight fever.

After flickering for awhile the light of the Ocala News went out Saturday forenoon, Rev. J. C. Porter, proprietor of the Baptist Witness and Daily Star, at Ocala having purchased the News plant. The News was never much of a newspaper and gave evidence of indiscretion and weakness when it championed the cause of a man who had attempted, as a member of the late Legislature, to pass a law to deprive newspapers of business and their legitimate compensation. The News is the first paper to die since for the want of business.—Metropolis.

When did a State ever have such an era of jollification as that which is now shaking Florida from centre to circumference? It has been one long Thanksgiving since the Pensacola Fair, and it will not end with Jacksonville's Gala Week. It is reported that last month in Wakulla county a baby was born laughing and threatened to die laughing; the doctor said it was hysterics, and the mother was in despair till the little fellow accidentally saw a sample copy of the Ocala Banner. Immediately the smile died away, the lips puckered up, and it began to cry vigorously and weep as if it had been struck by an internal earthquake. And that is how the Banner did some good, as we are glad to record.—T. U. & C.

SPAIN'S NOTE.

HAS REACHED THE STATE DEPARTMENT. WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The full text of the Spanish reply to the note of United States Minister Woodford reached the State Department in the last mail, and is now under examination by the officials.

So far as can be learned it is not the intention of the Administration to give it to the public now, so that the interest of people must be satisfied at present with more or less official statements emanating from Madrid as to the character of the Spanish note.

It is expected that the President will make this note and the correspondence leading up to it, the basis for one of the most important chapters in his forthcoming message to congress upon the reassembling of that body in December next, and now it is not believed to be probable that any radical change in policy will characterize the correspondence between the two countries unless something unforeseen occurs.

WEYLER WILL BE TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL.

Madrid, Nov. 6.—The Spanish government, as a result of the deliberations of the ministers over the utterances of General Weyler, former captain general of Cuba, has come to the decision to try him by court-martial, no matter where he lands if he confirms the accuracy of the press reports of his utterances.

Commanding officers at all ports of the Spanish kingdom have been instructed to demand of General Weyler the moment he can be communicated with, the exact terms of the speech he delivered in reply to manifestations at Havana upon the occasion of his embarkation for Spain.

OUTLOOK FOR FARMERS.

The Lexington Echo says: "There are good reasons to believe that provisions are going to be high for the next few years. They have already advanced considerably over what they were a very few months since. We know that so long as the farmers of the south produce such cotton crops as that of this year they will be forced to take unremunerative prices for it. What else then is left for them to do for the protection of themselves and the enterprises and commercial interest dependent on them than to prepare as they did in 1893-94 to meet the conditions that confront them—and produce more of the high priced commodities and less of the cheap.

HOW TO MAKE A NATION STRONG.

Governor Bloxham answers queries propounded in a recent speech by President McKinley.

Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 5.—Last Saturday night President McKinley, in a speech at Cincinnati, propounded the following interrogatories:

"First—What will make the nation strongest and best?"

"Second—What will make its citizenship the most perfect and effective in Government?"

The Chicago Tribune wired Governor Bloxham for answers to these questions, and he sent the following reply:

"Answer first—Equal laws and equal opportunities produce a contented and prosperous people, and a contented and prosperous people make country strong and best.—Legislation enriching favored classes by laws breeds inequality and discontent, and discontented people are never the strongest and best.

"Answer second—Virtue and intelligence are the fountain heads of good citizenship, and a government by such forces renders citizenship most useful and most effective. When such forces are supplanted in Governmental control by wealth accumulated by class legislation, good citizenship is dwarfed, and to that extent is less useful and effective."

THE QUARANTINE QUESTION.

In its issue of October 23rd the New York Herald takes up the advocacy of a national quarantine, and discusses the situation from a "commercial, social, and sanitary" standpoint, concluding by demanding even an "international" control of the commerce from the quarters where yellow fever is endemic. But the Herald, like all other authorities adopting its views, ignores patent facts and misunderstands present conditions so utterly as to impeach any argument it makes on the subject.

"The 'commercial view' it already takes is evidence of what may come. That 'national control' has already been made to serve political and commercial ends, has already been proved by the Picayune and the States, of New Orleans, as quoted in these columns.

That system entirely failed to keep out the disease, but even while doing so, wrought great loss to the States of the Gulf Coast. This is simple matter of history which cannot be lost sight of in any fair treatment of the subject. Why should not the same system produce the same result? An international system is still entirely in the air—it need not be discussed at the present stage of the argument. The lives of our people and their business depends on our safety from yellow fever. Granting that the authorities at Washington found it possible to protect us as our State quarantine has done, who can tell what 'commercial' influence might not be brought to bear and influence the trade of the rich countries south of us through quarantine regulations?

The future of Florida largely depends on our control of that trade. Our situation makes this State the natural point of transfer and exchange for the productions of this country and those of the islands as well as the growing States of South America. Slight discrimination against us would turn this increasing commerce from Florida to the great cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. With a national quarantine system how could we withstand the 'commercial' and political influence that might be exerted against us by the great States of New York and Pennsylvania? The fear is well grounded in the experience of the past—we speak but of what we have felt.

The Herald boldly asserts that "the quarantine system, as carried on by the different States, has been a lamentable failure." The Herald should know that it is unfair to quote Louisiana, Mississippi

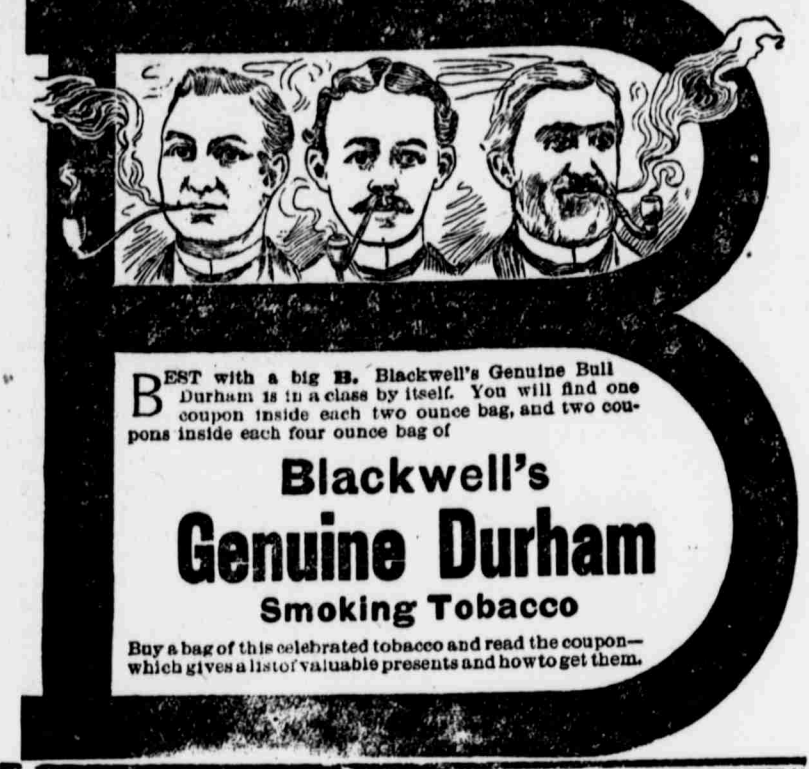
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PRES. MCKINLEY'S SATISFACTION.

In an interview a few days ago President McKinley said: "I am well pleased with the elections, as they indicate that fealty to the republican party and the principles it represents are as strong as ever."

The President must take a view of the political situation wholly different from that taken by the great majority of people. Last year he carried the State of New York by a very large majority. This year the democratic party carried it by a plurality of more than 50,000 votes. Last year he carried Ohio by a majority so large that there was a strong suspicion that many fraudulent republican votes were cast in that state. This year the majority for governor was greatly reduced and it is a question whether the democrats will not have a majority of the legislature thus preventing the President's friend and political manager, Mark Hanna from being elected to the Senate. With the result of the elections in these two states, New York and Ohio, before him, it is difficult to understand how the President can be pleased with the elections.

The truth is, the people are tired of the bossism of Platt in New York and Hanna in Ohio, and they are tired of the Dingley tariff. They were told that all that hindered a return of prosperity was the failure of the revenues to meet the expenses of the Government, and so the republicans passed the Dingley bill, which, they said, would so increase the revenue that there would be no deficits after it became operative. It has been in operation four months and the deficit each month has grown steadily larger. For the four months it amounts to \$38,000,000. At that rate it will reach \$113,000,000 by the time the Dingley law has been in operation twelve months. In what year since the war of secession has it been so large?

We cannot see what there is in the election to please the President. From our point of view there is sufficient in them to cause him great uneasiness for his political future and the future of his party.—Savannah News.

CRUISER MONTGOMERY.

Capt. R. M. Cary, Jr., in receipt of a telegram from Congressman S. M. Sparkman, stating that the cruiser Montgomery had been ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to again make her headquarters at Pensacola and that she would be there in a few days. This order was given in response to a petition signed by the county officials, requesting that the Montgomery be again stationed at this port. The petition was carried to Washington by Capt. Cary on his recent visit there.—Pensacola News.

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